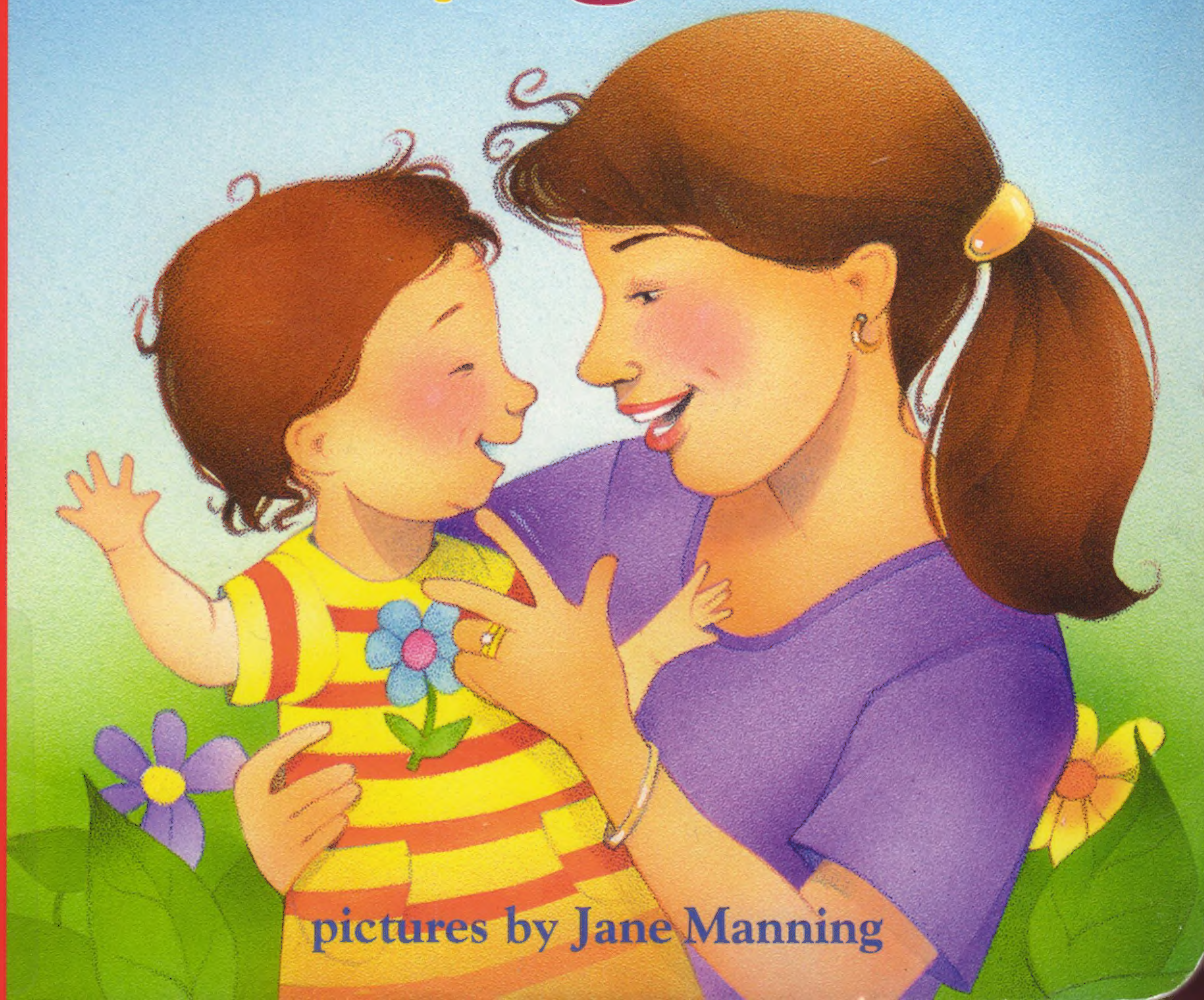




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NEWBORN  
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AND UP

# my first baby games



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## This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market.

*(Point to or gently wiggle each of baby's toes starting with the big toe.)*

This little piggy stayed home.

This little piggy had roast beef.

This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy cried,

*(Wiggle baby's little toe and run your fingers up baby's legs to tickle tummy.)*

“Wee, wee, wee,”

All the way home.





# Slowly, Slowly

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,  
Creeps the garden snail.

*(Use your fingers to "creep" up  
one of baby's arms.)*

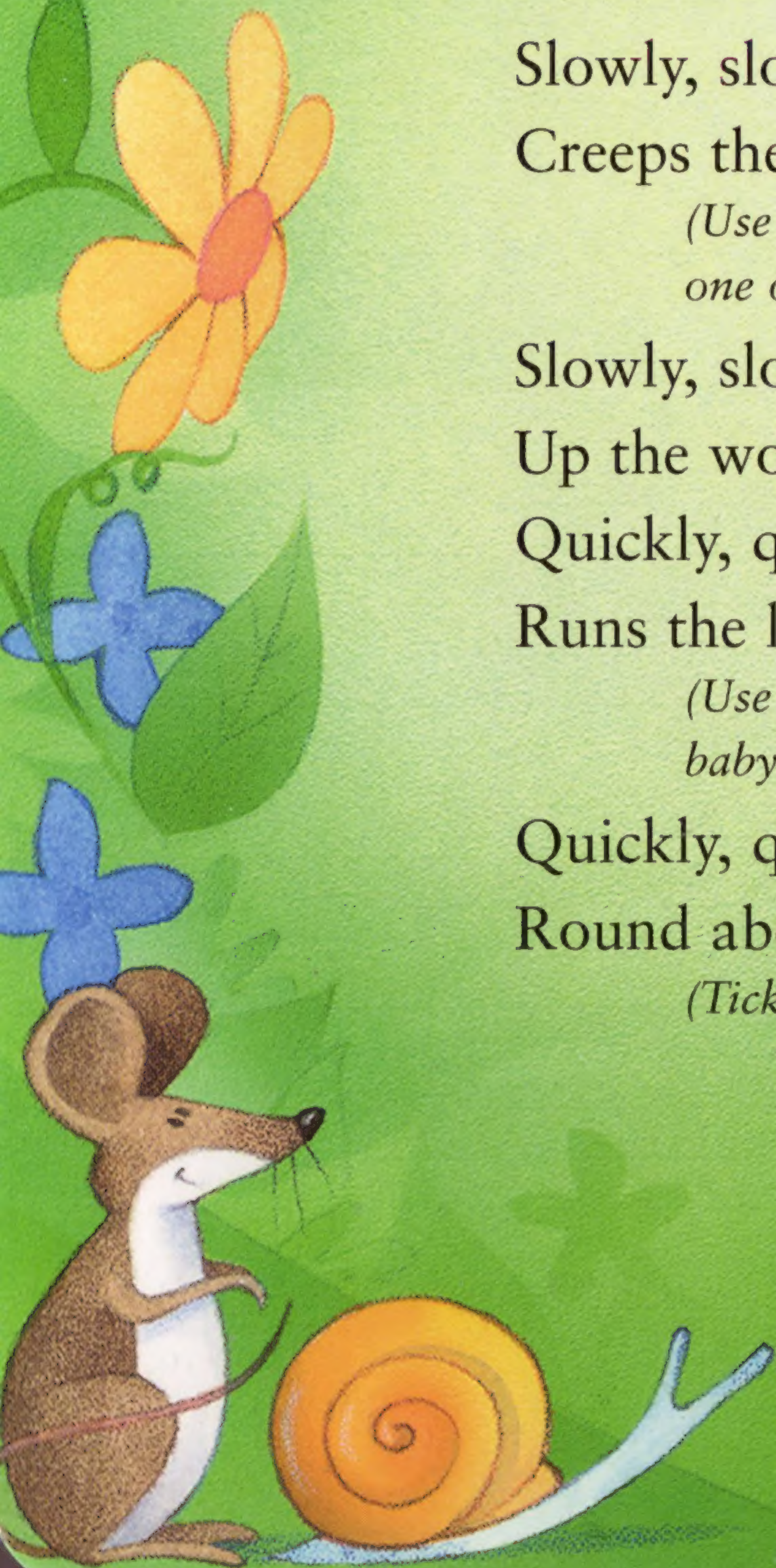
Slowly, slowly, very slowly,  
Up the wooden rail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,  
Runs the little mouse.

*(Use fingers to quickly run down  
baby's other arm.)*

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,  
Round about the house.

*(Tickle baby's tummy round and round.)*







# Jeremiah, Blow the Fire

Jeremiah\*, blow the fire.

Puff, puff, puff.

*(Blow gentle puffs on baby's tummy.)*

First you blow it gently,

*(Blow one long gentle puff.)*

Then you blow it rough!

*(Blow one big gust or "raspberry"  
on baby's tummy.)*

*\*Substitute your baby's name.*



# Pat-a-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,  
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

*(Clap baby's hands together.)*

Roll it,

*(Take baby's hands and spin them  
around each other.)*

And pat it,

*(Clap baby's hands together.)*

And mark it with a "B,"

*(Trace the letter "B" on baby's belly.)*

And put it in the oven for baby and me.

*(Fling baby's arms wide.)*







## Eye Winker, Tom Tinker

Eye winker,  
*(Point to baby's eyes.)*

Tom tinker,  
*(Point to baby's ears.)*

Nose smeller,  
*(Point to baby's nose.)*

Mouth eater,  
*(Point to baby's mouth.)*

Chin chopper,  
*(Point to or hold baby's chin.)*

Guzzle whopper!  
*(Tickle baby's belly.)*





# Trot, Trot, Trot

Trot, trot, trot to London.

*(With baby facing you and firmly supported,  
gently bounce baby on your knees.)*

Trot, trot, trot to Dover.

Look out, Jane\*

Or you might fall OVER!

*(Tip baby to one side.)*

Trot, trot, trot to Boston.

*(Continue to bounce baby on your knees.)*

Trot, trot, trot to Lynn.

Look out, Jane\*

Or you might fall IN!

*(Open your knees and let baby “fall” slightly  
downward and backward, while firmly  
supporting baby’s body and head.)*

*\*Substitute your baby’s name.*







## Mix a Pancake

Mix a pancake,

Stir a pancake,

*(Make big stirring motions while holding baby.)*

Pop it in the pan.

*(“Pop” baby down onto lap.)*

Fry the pancake,

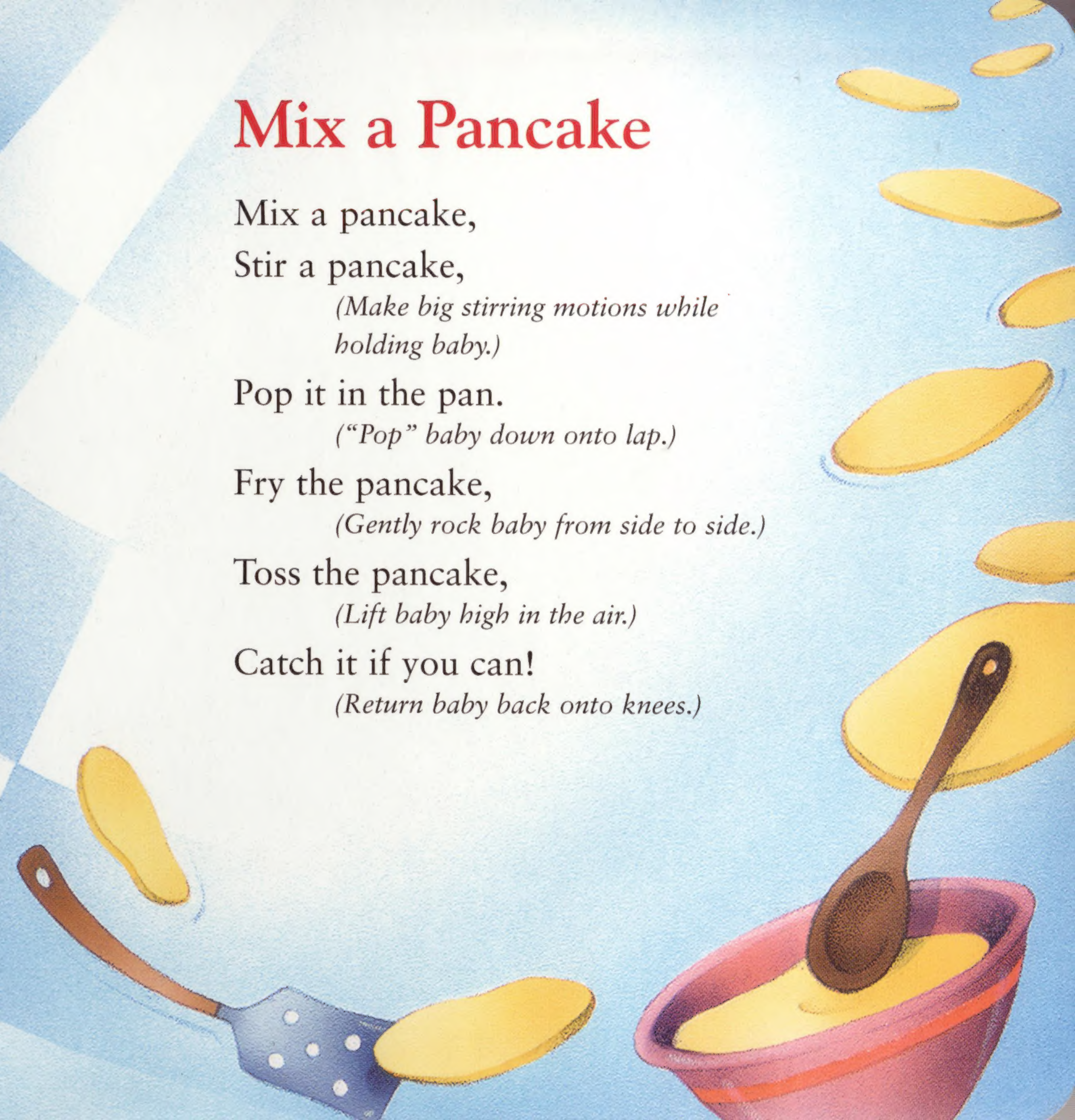
*(Gently rock baby from side to side.)*

Toss the pancake,

*(Lift baby high in the air.)*

Catch it if you can!

*(Return baby back onto knees.)*





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